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# The General Secretary

## Honor to Whom Honor

December 6, 1953.

This will be an important date in the history of Christian Endeavor with the dedication of the new headquarters building in Columbus, Ohio.



Dr. Gene Stone

new "capitol" will be named for him.

Christian Endeavor moves forward in its United Advance in its effort to help reach and train young people of this present generation.

## Hail to the Sponsors!

Sponsors of Christian Endeavor societies are to receive special recognition. THE LOOKOUT is planning to pay tribute to these important workers in the youth field. The magazine will pick the outstanding sponsor of a youth group from members of Christian churches or Churches of Christ and will send the individual to the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D. C., July 24-28, 1954. Announcement of the winner will be made during Christian Endeavor Week by Editor Guy P. Leavitt. Congratulations to THE LOOKOUT for emphasizing the vital role of sponsors of Christian Endeavor societies and paying due honor to them.

## We Salute!

It's good news to learn that the American Medical Association will discontinue all liquor and tobacco advertisements from their publications effective January 1.

According to an official of the A.M.A., these ads are being dropped because they are disapproved by "a large number of physicians."

## CELEBRATE C.E. WEEK

There are a host of ideas and material to help you in planning an outstanding program for your society and union during Christian Endeavor Week January 31-February 7. Packets containing suggestions may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

We salute the National Temperance League in its promotion of "Let's Put Christ Into Christmas" seals. This is a splendid effort to help offset the pressure of the liquor traffic and to stress the Christian meaning of Christmas.

## Help to Those in Service

The president of a Christian Endeavor society in Pennsylvania recently had this to say in a letter to Columbus:

"The booklet, 'Guide for Christian Living,' was sent to all our boys in service. One wrote and thanked me and said, 'Today I have accepted Christ. Praise God for Christian Endeavor.'"

Christian Endeavor is ever mindful of the young people in Service and is encouraging all of its societies to keep in touch with those who are away from home in military service. The booklet, "Guide for Christian Living," is available without cost for Endeavorers who are in the Armed Forces. Write for copies to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

## Dr. Poling's Book Revised

A revised edition of the book, "The Romance of Jesus," by Dr. Daniel A. Poling has just been published by the Association Press of New York. This is a story of the life of Jesus which was written by Dr. Poling a number of years ago. The first three editions were under the title, "Between Two Worlds."

## Bert Davis Honored

Bert H. Davis, Associate Editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, has been honored with the Boy Scouts' Silver Antelope for distinguished service to boyhood. The award was made by Region Two (New York, New Jersey and Puerto Rico), Boy Scouts of America, the ceremony being in charge of Hon. Charles W. Frossel and Hon. Albert Conway, both Justices of the New York State Court of Appeals.

Mr. Davis, in Scouting since 1917, is cited for his books and many other writings, active participation in many organizations whose work centers in American youth, and his personal example. His local Scout council awarded Bert Davis the Silver Beaver on his completion of two terms as its president. The regional award, the Silver Antelope, represents recognition for service touching boys and other youth over a considerable area, statewide or larger.

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The cameraman presents a picture of Christian Endeavor's new, modern headquarters building at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Dedication services will be held December 6.

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# Headquarters Dedication To Mark New Advance

**Christian Endeavor Structure To Be Named  
"The Daniel A. Poling Building" with  
Ceremonies in Columbus, Ohio,  
December 6**

SEVERAL hundred Christian Endeavor leaders and friends from North America will attend the dedication of new Christian Endeavor headquarters building in Columbus, Ohio, December 6.

The new "capitol" will be named in honor of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

The service will begin on Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m. in the Board of Christian Church (two squares west of the headquarters) where there will be a worship service with Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, officiating. The service is being held in church auditorium in order to take advantage of the large crowd that is anticipated. A message will be given by Dr. Daniel A. Poling. Musical selections will be presented by the youth choir of the Indianola Church of Christ of Columbus, Ohio. Greetings will be provided from many Christian Endeavor churches from North America and around the world.

Following the service in the church, the official dedication will take place at the new headquarters building, 1221 East Broad Street, with individuals beginning the building and on the outside. A picture of Dr. Daniel A. Poling will be unveiled in the foyer of the building. After an inspection of the headquarters by visitors, a buffet supper will be served. Carroll M. Wright, chairman of the building committee of the International Society, will take part in the dedication ceremonies. Others who will participate include Fayne F. Swater, architect; Leslie D. Harrison, engineer; and J. J. Burgbacher, general contractor.

The completion of the "capitol," which houses the offices of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is a major part of the United Advance

program of the International Society, which is headed by Allan J. Blair.

The Christian Endeavor headquarters was moved from Boston, Massachusetts, to Columbus, Ohio, in 1946 and was located at 1201 East Broad Street until the completion of the new structure.

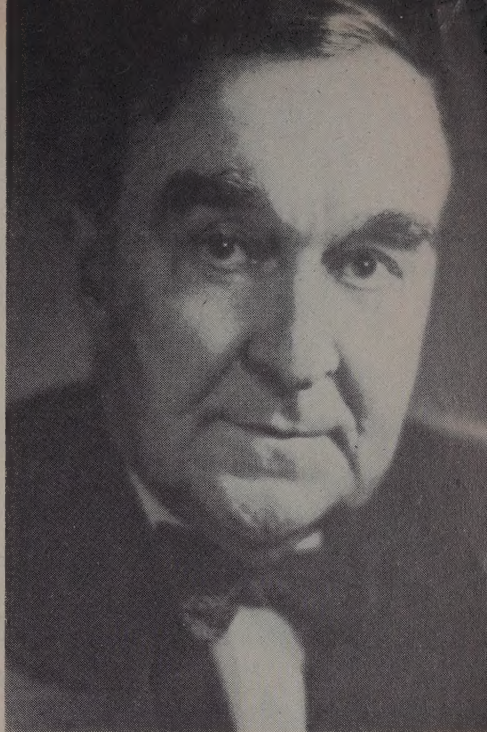
## Dr. Poling's Career

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, for whom the new building will be named, has served youth of America and the world for more than a quarter of a century.

In 1925, Dr. Poling was elected president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and, upon the death of Dr. Francis E. Clark in 1927, became president also of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. He has administered both offices with outstanding success and his influence has been worldwide. As president of these organizations, he has had large responsibilities in connection with all International and World's Conventions of the past two decades, has travelled to Europe many times and twice around the world. Dr. Poling continues as president of the World Union. He was succeeded as head of International Society in 1949 by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan.

He returned to the pastorate in 1919 and experienced a remarkable ten-year tenure in the three-hundred-year-old Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. In 1936 he became the pastor of Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, made famous by Russell H. Conwell. He continues there as Chaplain of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, an inter-faith memorial to the four young clergymen of three faiths who lost their lives in the sinking of the S.S. Dorchester. His son, the Reverend Clark V. Poling, was one of those Chaplains.

Dr. Poling has two earned and ten honorary degrees including D.D., S.T.D., Litt.D., LL.D., and L.H.D. He is the author of twenty-three books, including four novels. His book reviews, number-



DR. DANIEL A. POLING

ing more than 300 annually, are widely quoted.

He was the first clergyman to receive the Medal for Merit, the highest civilian award given by his country. Among other public honors are the War Department's citation for his work as War Correspondent in the European Theatre; citations and plaques from B'nai B'rith, the American Legion, and the American Federation of Labor. He wears the Cross of the Huguenot Society and the Silver Buffalo, national award of the Boy Scouts.

In his six overseas missions during the War, he flew the Atlantic ten times and the Pacific twice, travelling more than one hundred and fifty thousand miles by air. He visited every major theatre of operations during World War II and was on every active front. In a letter addressed to the Australian Commonwealth, President Roosevelt referred to him as "America's Spiritual ambassador of goodwill."

In May, 1950 the Christian Endeavor leader was named Chairman of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism which represents officially more than fifty national organizations of all faiths and economic groups and with a total membership of more than eighty million.

Dr. Poling, Editor of *Christian Herald*, is outstanding as an American writer. His syndicated column, "Americans All" appears in leading daily journals of the country.





## India Endeavorers "Building Anew With Christ"

The 300 delegates from all parts of India who attended the All-India Christian Endeavor Convention in the English Methodist Church, Jabalpure, October 15-18 are pictured above. This was the first convention of the entire India Christian Endeavor for many years and was considered an

outstanding event in the history of the movement in this country. Mrs. Mabel K. Howard of Alexandria, Virginia, who is on a World Friendship Tour for Christian Endeavor, is pictured with the group. Among those in the photographs are Rev. J. A. Jacob, president; Rev. E. Tychicus, vice president; and Rev. Ezekiel F. Albert, general secretary.

## Youth Enter Citizenship Contest

Jean L. Vaughn of Hagerstown, Maryland, has the distinction of being the first youth to enter the Third Annual Christian Citizenship Award Contest of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Miss Vaughn, who is 16 years old, is a member of the Christian Endeavor society of the Grace E.U.B. church in the Maryland city.

Many entries are coming to the headquarters of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

A total of \$1,000.00 in cash and a trip to Washington, D. C. to attend the 12th Convention of the World's Christian Endeavor Union July 24-28, 1954 will go to the winners in the contest.

Those eligible are boys and girls, in school or employed, who have attained the age of 15 and have not reached the age of 20 by February 8, 1954. The basis for the judging will be on "A Letter to My Congressman" or for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M.P." (not to exceed 1000 words) on the subject "I SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP" and a citizenship service record on the contestant's beliefs and activities.

A notice of participation must be sent to the Christian Endeavor headquarters in Columbus no later than February 8, 1954. The letter and service record must be in the hands of the judges of the state or province where the youth lives no later than March 1, 1954.

First honors for the girl or boy in

United States or Canada to be judged the best will be \$250.00 in cash plus the expenses to the Washington Convention.

### NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION

(Request for official entry blanks)

#### Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 8, 1954)

Christian Citizenship Director  
International Society of Christian Endeavor

1221 East Broad Street  
Columbus 5, Ohio

I hereby enter the CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD CONTEST ☐

Please send me the official entry blanks and other information. .... ☐

I have requested official entry blanks from my state or provincial Christian Endeavor Union office ..... ☐

(Please check above statements)

Name .....  
(Please Print)

Street and Number .....

City and State .....

Local Church .....  
(Denomination)

Date of Birth .....

☐ I agree to observe the rules and conditions outlined above.

Signature of Applicant

## E. P. GATES, FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY, DIES

Funeral services were held November 18 for E. P. Gates, former general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, who died November 14.

Mr. Gates, who lived in Belmont, Massachusetts, was field secretary of the Illinois Union 1911-20 and served as general secretary of the International Society 1920-31.

### Portugal Celebrates

Christian Endeavorers in Portugal recently observed the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the movement in that country.

### Champion Dessert-maker

Delores Smith, a Christian Endeavorer of Landisburg, Pennsylvania, won first place in the All-Eastern Apple Dessert Baking Contest in Washington, D. C. October 30.

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# What's It Like "Down Under"?

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan Discover Enthusiastic Endeavorers in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji Islands —  
Attend Meetings in Hawaii

By Ernest R. Bryan

Australia, New Zealand, and the Fiji Islands are all south of the equator. They are said to be "down under." When you're down that way, you go south to get cold and north to get warm, unless you choose to go up and down for the purpose because climate is a matter of altitude as well as latitude.

We wondered what it would be like "down under." Well, we found out. In a day and a half weeks we discovered, explored, and were captivated by the people and places we visited. Everything exceeded our hopes and expectations — except possibly the weather in New Zealand (it rained for six of the eight days we were there!) It's a beautiful place, however, even in the rain.

We traveled about 26,000 miles by air in mostly sleeper planes, where sleep is sometimes actual as well as theoretical. Perhaps another 1,000 miles by bus, automobile, and mission wagon. The "mission wagon" is the name applied to a converted over-sized station wagon used by the Church of England Evangelistic Mission Department of the archdiocese of Sydney to carry camp equipment, tents, books, tracts, posters, and people. Its driver is the Rev. George S. Smith, president of the New South Wales Christian Endeavor Union, who is also president of the evangelistic mission department of his archdiocese and president of the Christian Endeavor Association of the Church of England in his state.

A crowd of Endeavor friends were at the airport to see us off when we left Washington. A delegation was on hand to meet us when we landed in San Francisco. Another group was at the airport to greet us when we touched down in Honolulu. When we arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, we spotted first of all a big bright Christian Endeavor banner. Endeavor leaders were back of and around it as we alighted from the fairship which bore the appropriate

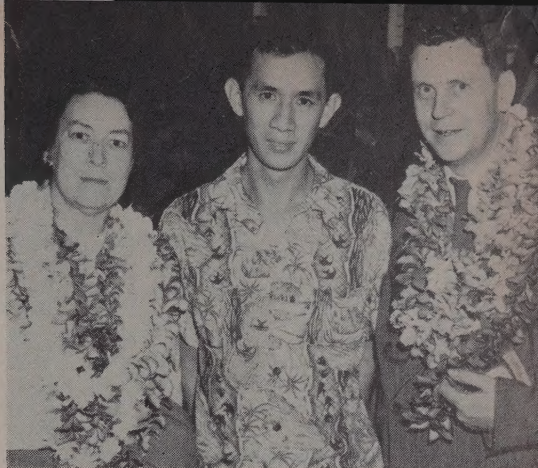
name R.M.A. "Endeavour." The R.M.A. stands for Royal Mail Airliner. We liked the good ship "Endeavour" and were happy to be on it for part of the return trip too. It's a DC-6 of the British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines.

National Secretary Murray F. Smith of the New Zealand Christian Endeavor Union arranged a fast but interesting schedule for us in his country which consists of three islands (two of these islands call themselves "the mainland"). New Zealand has good leadership in its president, Rev. Fred Carter, its vice president, Rev. Kenneth Bell, as well as its national secretary. We had rallies in Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. We were overwhelmed with kindness all along the line. Some twelve or fourteen new societies have been formed in the past year and New Zealand now has about 100 active Christian Endeavor societies.



## DOWN NEW ZEALAND WAY

A group of Christian Endeavor leaders are shown at Auckland when Dr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan visited that city. Dr. Bryan is shown at the left of the banner. Murray F. Smith, secretary of the national Christian Endeavor union of New Zealand, is at the right. Mrs. Bryan is at the left in the second row.



ALOHA IN HAWAII — Dr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan are welcomed by Rev. Joseph Dizon (center), president of the Honolulu Christian Endeavor Union.

## Societies Meet By Mail

New Zealand's most unique society is called the "outpost" society. It is made up of people who have gone forth to isolated farms or sheep ranches. They can no longer get to the Christian Endeavor meetings so they "meet by mail" once a month, sending in their verses and comments for this monthly consecration meeting. Once a year they try to get together at some central place. There are four such societies at present.

Most of the rallies in New Zealand, as well as in Australia, were preceded by teas. We soon discovered that "tea" is a misleading term. It can mean anything from a cup of tea and a cookie to a full course dinner with all the fixings. At one such tea, more than twelve hundred people sat down to what we would call a well-prepared large-scale banquet.

On another occasion (in Brisbane, Australia), we had three teas in a row. All of them were "high teas" in that many things besides tea were served. The second of these teas was given by the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane as a civic reception in our honor. We certainly got well "teed up" or "teed off" that day!

High point of the trip was, of course, the Australian national convention on the beautiful island of Tasmania. This was held in the hospitable city of Launceston (we soon got to writing it Launceston). All the townspeople took part. The mayor served on the committee of arrangements, presided at the citizenship rally, and was host at a big civic reception in the city hall. The townspeople were so much impressed with the parade (called a "witness procession") that they asked to have it repeated on the day following the original march through the streets of Launceston. There were many beautiful floats with significant messages and themes along with the banners and marching columns. Press reports said there were over 2,500 marchers each day.

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## "DOWN UNDER"

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### Volunteer As Missionaries

We were most impressed with missionary night at the convention. For forty minutes, Dr. Paul White, the "jungle doctor," told the young folk how dangerous and difficult it is to be a missionary. He pointed out that many were being killed, others were losing their health, all of them had to face long difficult years of preparation, the pay is low, and hardships abound. After all that, at least 24 of the young Australian Endeavorers came forth to volunteer for missionary duty. It was an inspiring sight to see these resolute, determined young folk sign up for this, the hardest and most dangerous task that a young Christian could choose.

Albert Hall, scene of the convention, holds about 3,000 people. It was filled for every evening session and practically filled during the morning and afternoon meetings. These folk were serious and they were on the job all the time. They enjoyed the conferences and wanted to learn how to do their jobs better. There was a great determination to go forth to win others and to expand all phases of the work. They burst into great enthusiasm when it was announced that Chaplain L. J. Gomm would be available for full-time service as organizing secretary of the Australian national union. These Endeavorers, most of them under 25 and many under 20 years of age, proceeded to raise 1,145 pounds on the spot to support this work. In our money, that means slightly over \$2,500. I call that consecrated enthusiasm and a dedication of purse as well as self!

Mildred spoke several times at the convention and at the meetings in other centers. She wasn't quite sure whether they liked what she said or just liked to hear what they called her "soft accent." I think it was both. She especially enjoyed her contacts with the juniors and the "teen-agers."

We had rallies in Melbourne, home city of National Secretary Stuard C. Davies; Brisbane, home city of World Vice-President G. H. Nelson; Adelaide, home city of Pastor Claude Candy, state president of South Australia; Sydney, home city of both the new National President Les Bennett and the retiring president (now Deputy President) Ernest H. Watson; and Boonah, a remote agricultural community of 2,000 people which has eight thriving Christian Endeavor societies sent 14 delegates to Launceston in its immediate area.

Everywhere we were showered with courtesies and kindnesses and were overwhelmed with generous gestures and acts of thoughtfulness. We weren't sure sometimes whether the good folk thought

we were celebrities or whether they thought we were mentally or physically incapable of doing anything for ourselves. Everything was nicely arranged for us and somebody was always on hand to take us to meetings and show us the sights. We could not have seen Australia under more delightful circumstances.

We were a day late in getting into Australia (the flying boat wouldn't fly and we didn't know how to fly without it) and there were rumors that our plane leaving Australia would also go a day late. It finally, however, decided to go only a few hours late and we reached Suva, principal city of the Fiji Islands, almost on schedule.



Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, is shown visiting a native village near Ba on the Fiji Islands.

To our surprise we found more Indians (folk from India) in Fiji than there are Fijians. The Indian population is about 130,000; the Fijians number about 110,000 and there are about 10,000 Europeans. All seem to get along well together in this picturesque crown colony of Great Britain. We traveled the full length of the main island (about 180 miles) and visited a dozen or more of the native villages.

### Youth Meet In Fiji

The big event for us in Fiji was the evening rally at Suva's Jubilee Methodist Church. More than 500 young folk attended. They all belonged to choirs—six or seven choirs were there to sing. And how they did sing! It was magnificent (we couldn't understand a word of it, but it was thrilling). This big crowd was rounded up at the sound of native drums (bigger than any bass drums I have ever seen and much more musical). I had to speak through an interpreter (a young Fijian minister I had met in America). We had a wonderful time together. I couldn't catch him up on a thing except a few names (then he would just point at me and tell the folk

to remember what I had said). It was good to see the big C.E. banner in the rally and to know that fine work is being done there by the Endeavor societies, most of which were started by missionaries from Australia.

The next day we visited various mission schools and also the printing shop and other buildings of the mission headquarters. Then we started for the airport at Nandi, far over on the other side of the island. On the way, we stopped at a mission hospital at Ba. There, to our surprise and delight, we found an active Christian Endeavor society composed entirely of the nurses and student nurses. They knew a lot about us and said that on the preceding evening they had staged a C. E. rally and the meeting was going on at Suva.

We were sorry to have to leave Fiji so soon but had no choice because it was already 9 p. m. on Saturday and we were due in Honolulu at 1 p. m. of this same Saturday, so we figured we would have to hurry. We did and got into Honolulu eight hours before we left Nandi. (Of course, the international date line helped us out on this deal, and it should have done so, because it eliminated one day completely from our lives on the way out).

### Visits Leper Colony Again

The Hawaiians, as usual, went all out to make our stay with them exceedingly pleasant and interesting. I about knocked myself out making speeches all over Molokai, Maui, the big island of Hawaii, and, of course, Oahu. But I wouldn't have wanted to miss any of it. Mildred made three speeches in various parts of the island of Oahu on the Sunday after I left. We were happy to note the good progress being made by our Hawaiian Endeavorers and it was great to see Walter Nomura, Bill Donlin, Martha Hohu, Gladys Wong, Joe Dizon, and their families and friends again. And I got to the leper colony at Kalaupapa again! We had a great time with the wonderful folk at the Kanaana Home church and my favorite Christian Endeavor society staged a noon-day meeting for us because our schedule was such that we couldn't remain over night. We had an inspiring meeting also. Pastor Alice Kahokuoluna's other church is on Molokai. Incidentally, Pastor Alice is now Moderator of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association which is made up of all the Congregational churches of the Hawaiian Islands, but she felt even more honored many years ago when she received a special C. E. pin from Dr. Francis E. Clark for her outstanding work as a Christian Endeavor district president.

In San Francisco, on the way back, was privileged to meet again with many (Please turn to Page 19, Col. 1)



PROBABLY most of us will nod agreement with my friend Ray, when he says: "I pick up information and ideas from people much more readily than I do from anything I might read."

"Perhaps I'm a poor reader; I don't know. But I know that a person who talks well can take up a pamphlet or a few pages from a book and make the words come alive and the ideas move and breathe."

Ray continues:

"I get more benefit from sitting in a small group than in a large audience."

"When I'm one in a group of, say 30, I feel that I'll be more free to ask questions. I can believe that even by the expression of my face, and perhaps on some other occasions, the one who is presenting a point of view will aim his message at particular targets instead of being content with a series of generalities. Also, in the smaller group most of us pay closer attention to what's said and there are likely to be fewer distractions and around the meeting-room."

I thought of Ray's comments a few evenings later, when a dozen of us thought and talked about *practical ways in which to explain a church's program to the church's own members.*

offer the facts about your church to interest and to inform and to recruit for church activities. You may present the subject to small groups at a time, using an adequate number of trained volunteers to speak and answer questions.

## Why Talk About Program?

Why was such an objective before us? These were the reasons applying in one congregation's situation, and they seem to apply in many other churches:

1. Communities and churches are experiencing more growth and change than have occurred in earlier periods. Families are moving about more frequently. The shifting of population from cities to suburbs changes the membership of the downtown urban church while creating new congregations and greatly expanded church bodies in outlying areas.

2. The going and coming of men and women in military service has given numerous churches a considerable group which lacks continuous familiarity with what goes on in the several phases of their own church's life. Don't embarrass these members, interested as they may be in the morning worship service on Sunday and at a couples' party now and then, by asking them what the Bailey Guild does, who is responsible for the flowers in the sanctuary, and how well the church was represented at summer conferences for youth, missionary giving, and in local church council projects!

3. Church programs are more complicated than they were 10 or 15 years ago. Part of the complication is due to increased participation in interchurch and interdenominational activities — which will be further strengthened when the link and file of church members know what they're all about." The church's educational program has an increased variety, based on the recognized interests and needs of a Christian in the different age groups through which he passes toward maturity. Arts and crafts are featured in the programs of numerous

# Know Your Church

## -- Young Adult Workshop --

churches. There is a need to open these opportunities to larger numbers, and hence members should know the Why, What and How of this phase of the church's service to its people.

The group with which I met was not impressed with the idea that presenting the galaxy of church activities by bulletins, a guide-book or a series of posters would do all that is necessary for *widening the members' participation in and concern for the church's total program.* These would help in the process, but the story of the program could best be explained by two or three speakers, addressing a group and — with the many Rays in mind — not too big a group either.

## Neighborhood Meetings

So this means setting up a series of neighborhood meetings, probably attended by

interpret the church's program to the church family, these would appear to be basic requirements:

1. All who intend to speak and answer questions in neighborhood meetings would volunteer for not less than three "training classes."

2. The speakers in training will need to have the story so presented by several church leaders (and with a typed or mimeographed outline of facts given by each, for further reference) that the service of the church for each age group or specific set of interests will be made crystal clear. To take this by age groups is a convenient and easily remembered approach. Even the infant is quickly recognized: christening or baptism, or in churches practicing baptism on confession of faith, dedication; cradle roll; nursery during church services; nursery classes in church school; parent group activities. The older child has a wider series of opportunities, including . . . , etc. Another division, especially for young adult and adult programs, is by means of the calendar: activities on Sunday, on Monday, through the week, and at special seasons in the Christian calendar.

3. Pictures of church group activities are invaluable. Movies would be especially helpful in showing the church school at work with various ages. Who has lately seen each department of the school in its particular activities — who except church school officers and the pastor? Colored still photos, projected easily in the home, may be even more satisfactory. Even black and white prints, passed around in the group, will give life to the program which is being explained to a neighborhood church-facts group

4. Notes might be taken at each meeting to indicate what questions are asked and what comments are made by participants as they greet the speakers at the close of a meeting.

5. As a part of the project, cards may be provided for interested persons to indicate the phases of the church program in which they would most like to participate. Also it would be desirable for the pastor or other members of a church staff to talk with persons who by training or experience or special aptitude believe they might have something to offer in leadership in a specific phase of the church's activities.

We shall want your news stories, as full in details as possible, if now or later your church conducts a *Know Your Church* project.

If we are to share more fully in the progress of the Christian cause, the church must speak out as to what it is doing and what it would like to do, using the talents and zeal and Christian devotion of every member to a far greater degree than at present.

adults and young adults, quite likely held in church members' homes, and with the number invited proportionate to the capacity of the homes offered for such a presentation of church-program facts.

If a church of 500 members is able to summon 30 to 40 persons to work in its every-member canvass for funds, it should have no difficulty in finding 20 to 30 interested men and women—including a number of young adults who will prepare for and participate in a project of telling the church's service-story to their fellow members.

And with some variations, that is the purpose of certain forward-looking congregations at this moment.

As the notes for this page were being assembled, I read in a denominational weekly how an Arkansas church is "recruiting lay workers" by a series of meetings which gave a host of members the facts about the total program of that church. It happens that this is a big church with a big program; 1,300 families make up its parish. My friend Ray will not approve one feature of their plan, for the church suppers held for one group after another had a guest list of about 150 families apiece. I'd favor the evening meetings in a number of homes, with only light refreshments, provided by a small committee, and with more *laymen and laywomen participating in the process of telling the church's story.*

## Basic Requirements

For the church and the Young Adult Group interested in such a project, and with a considerable use of lay volunteers to in-

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As another New Year opens before us we are faced with countless opportunities. This season is a time of new beginnings, both for the organization and for the individual. At this time we "take stock" of ourselves. We look back over the past year, to see its weak points and its victories. Then we resolve to do greater things in the days ahead. While this is being done in the individual life a spiritual inventory should be made of the Society program.

This week begins a series of four topics on the general subject, "Sin and the Gospel." All month we will give emphasis to the various aspects of this theme. Today the topic is a question of interest to all, "What Is Sin?" Remember today is Consecration Sunday. Give proper emphasis to it. The leader of this meeting should direct a study of the subject of sin. This might be a good time to appoint one general leader for all four meetings, in order to maintain the continuity. Then four different co-leaders, or assistants, could be appointed to present each separate topic. Bibles should be used freely. More should be learned about sin, its nature, its effects and its cure. Let this be a time of striking out against it by Christian youth.

The leader might direct the group in a survey of radio and television programs, as well as magazines and the daily press, to point out incidents involving sin. List the number of tragedies, crises, and incidents that are caused by a breaking of God's law. When these are analyzed, let suggestions be made how these things could be controlled or prevented. Make sin to stand out in its grim light of practical cost and misery.

## Scripture Readings

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# What Is Sin?

First Topic in a Series on "Sin and The Gospel"

Romans 7:13-25; I John 3:4; 5:17a

## Aim of the Topic

1. To determine what sin really is and how much it costs.

## What It Is

The catechism describes sin thus, "Sin is any want of conformity unto, or any willful transgression of, the law of God." This is a simple and pointed definition. How many things we might line up in their true light by comparison with this standard. The essence of sin is disregard (lack of love or fear) of God. It follows then that sinful acts are the result of self-love or self-preference. God cannot occupy the thrones of our lives until self steps down. Discuss this definition and consider the various things that could constitute a "lack of conformity unto" or a "transgression of" the clear law of God.

## What It Isn't

With all of the obvious things that sin is, and in view of all the things we already know about it, it is well that thought be given to what it is *not*. In speaking of alcohol, Clifford Earl entitles his fine book, "Ethyl Isn't A Lady." By the same token, sin is neither good, desirable, or of any remote social value. Yet it is not always glaringly ugly on the surface. It is not clearly defined for there are so many areas of uncertainty about it. If it were dead black, we could be sure and shun it. But it's so often only a dirty gray! It is not always obvious, for it hides behind so many good "causes" or plausible reasons. It is often easy to justify it, but it is still sin. Then, unfortunately, it is not even an unpopular intruder in our civilization. Many people seem to cling to it and embrace it as though it were their very hope of heaven. And our contemporary culture seems to clothe it with respectability and acceptance. For this reason, the Bible suggests that even Satan may come as an angel of light. So beware!

## The Wages of Sin

Everything we do has its pay. Whether we have a newspaper route or are the president of a bank, we get our pay. Everything pays off somehow in effects. God has very clearly taught us the recompense for evil doing. "The wages of sin is death - ." He says. (Romans 6:23). There is no compromise here. There is no uncertainty. There is no room for quibbling or evading. "Sin and die" is the grim law of recompense that our Father has established. He reminds us further "Be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32:23)

## The Seat of All Sin

If sin comes from a disregard of the laws of the Creator it thus becomes a result of the selfish desires of our own hearts. It stems from self-love, by the exercise of self-

## A SEED THOUGHT

"Sin is the choice of the lower when the higher is present."

will. The origin of sin is traced to the first man when he wanted to do as *he* chose regardless of what God had commanded. Through all days since, this has been the cause. Today we find it still true in our own experience. "All have sinned, all come short of the glory of God," - as we sin because we deliberately choose many times. The seat of all sin is in self. Someone has said, "Selfishness is the interpretation of every phase of one's environment in terms of self." Let God rule, and Self is conquered, sin is banished.

## The Ten Commandments and Sin

Jesus said that the Commandments represent the sum of the Law and the Prophets. The reason for this is simple. If we did no harm or dishonor either to God or man we could not possibly be guilty of sin. We cannot sin in a vacuum. It must be directed at a particular person, very often God Himself. So in the spirit of Jesus' teaching, to love the Lord God sincerely and our neighbors "as ourselves," is to keep ourselves from sin. The question of Joseph of old might well be asked by each of us when temptation arises, "Shall I so offend against God as to do this thing?"

We will study the effects of sin, and its cure, in the weeks to come, but let us ever keep before us the promise of our Lord, "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8).

## DISCUSS AND STUDY

1. What do you consider a good definition of sin? What does it mean specifically?
2. How is sin often disguised?
3. What are the final effects of sin? Name several.
4. How many kinds of sin are there?
5. Are there such things as "sin of the mind"?
6. What causes sin? What feeds it?
7. Which is worse, to sin against God or against men? Why?
8. Is there any hope for the sinner?
9. What has God promised about sin and sinners? How many verses can you give?
10. How can we overcome self?



# What Is Sin?

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Romans 7:13-25

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Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Drifting Into Sin

Jane never drank, but one night she was with a group who decided to celebrate the close of school. She hesitated a moment but then decided that there could be no harm in accepting only one glass.

Ruth and Carl valued each other's friendship highly. They had the highest respect for each other until one night they engaged in a considerable amount of petting. Each was disgusted to find that the friendship lost its glow.

Why is it necessary to think of the consequences of our acts?

## The Way to Sin

The way to be saved from evils is to keep away from them, flee from them, and to center life in Christ. We are not to rush into temptation or to trifle with sin. *If you will not be burned, don't play with fire!*

In I Corinthians 10:12, 13, Paul talks about the temptations the Christian has to meet, and warns, "Let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." *No man can stand alone.* His hand of faith must be in the hand of grace. He is commanded to look to Christ, the author and finisher of our salvation, and when tempted to consider the temptation to which Christ was subjected. God is faithful and will keep every promise, will give strength and deliverance in all temptations if people will trust Him.

Victory over sin comes through a cleansed life and a determined purpose to do the will of God regardless of any self-gratification. Every suggestion coming from human desire must be checked with the will of God. The encircling will of God must never be allowed to become broken. The heart can be filled with love until it will wholly desire to love only the way of the Lord. The mind can be fixed to follow only the way of the Lord and will delight in that path. The will can be set to make decisions which alone are in harmony with God's will and purpose. This kind of heart can keep the life victorious.

## Bible Rations

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Aim  
To know what sin is.  
To become concerned about

To look at our standards of  
right and wrong.

## Youth's No. 1 Problem

Youth's number one problem is self. As a sinner, I just won't do what is right. The problem is not ignorance. I usually know what is right. My problem is that I have a conscious streak which prompts me in opposition to all my knowledge, to do what is wrong.

Old-fashioned though the idea is, I think that it is—youth's number one problem is self. Each of us is a sinner and because we are sinners we suffer the consequences of sin. "There is no peace, saith my God, the wicked."

Why do people commit sin and thus subject themselves to torture and misery? Why do it certainly because of several characteristic delusions which I think I have witnessed enough and listened to enough to recount with some accuracy.

## How We Fool Ourselves

The first of these delusions is that one is not be afraid of sin because its consequences are not too bad. Sin is, in fact, rather pleasant form of indulgence which is surrounded by a lot of traditional traditions and taboos for which there is no basis in fact. The ancient story of the temptation is one of the great narratives in literature. It is great because of its realism. (Read the story of Adam and Eve.)

The second delusion which leads to sin is that of the "special case." Taken by itself, the dereliction of mine would be a sin. If people only knew the situation I am in, the pressures I have been under, the troubles I have had to endure—they would realize that I am not to be blamed. This is a special case that cannot be judged by the common standards. Do you think that your own sin is a special, excusable case? Then subject it to the test of associating it with your most revered personality. How would it fit the member of your class? How would it fit the member of your church? Imagine it in your

## QUESTIONS

1. What is sin?
2. What does sin do to youth?
3. Why are youth tempted to follow sinful ways?
4. Can you follow Jesus in resisting temptation?
5. While sinful practices seem exciting now, what must we consider for the future?
6. What tricks can sin play on youth?
7. How can we meet temptation?
8. How can we overcome sinful habits?

father or mother. Would it fit Jesus Christ? If it cannot stand this test, then excuse it no longer in yourself.

The third delusion is that others are so much worse than my sin can be readily excused. In this way we transfer to others our own intolerable sense of guilt. Despite our grave moral failings we are thus able to persuade ourselves that we are really virtuous.

The fourth delusion is that if we do what is right generally we may be excused some one vice. We recognize this in a joking way when we talk about "my one vice." But we are at least halfway serious about it, too. There is the feeling that every man is entitled to one vice anyhow—some single besetting weakness is always justified. In the Epistle of James there is a strange verse. It reads: "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, is guilty of all."

Some youth think they can sin because no one will ever find out. The Bible tells us: "Be sure your sin will find you out." And truer words have not been spoken. Yet a great company of evildoers continue to think they can hide their sin. There is abundant evidence that they cannot.

## Trifling with Temptation

Samson was the strongest man. His strength was given him to deliver his people from their foes and was conditioned upon his obedience to the vow of the Nazirite which had been put upon him. As long as he kept his vow he was able to perform wonderful feats which terrified his foes and inspired his people.

This strong man trifled with temptation. He went down to Gaza and met a woman who had been bought to secure his fall. Three times he escaped the snares of the enchantress. He snapped the green withs and the new ropes and went away with the pin of the beam and with the web and laughed at his temptress. He returned to his home and boasted of his deception of the Philistines.

But Samson went to Gaza once to offend. This time Delilah won the sacred secret of his strength from him, and when he was asleep caused the seven locks of his head to be shaven off. When the Philistines came upon him he awoke and said: "I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself," but he wist not that the Lord was departed from him. We know the sad story of his disgrace and enslavement.

It is dangerous to trifle with temptation. For a time one may escape, but the proverb says he that goes into danger will perish. One should not try to see how near he could safely approach a precipice, but how far he could remain away from it. Shun the very appearance of evil.

We need to sing the song, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin." One has said, "You cannot keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can prevent their building nests in your hair." *The sin lies not in being tempted, but in yielding to temptation.*





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Comments by Earle W. Gates

## Pattern For The Meeting

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- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

The spirit of the New Year continues today. It should be reflected in the total meeting, from worship, through the leader's talk and into the discussion. Old things have passed away, and many things may be made new again. In this vein let the society program be considered. If last year's devotional meetings were not a howling success, begin definite plans to make this year's better.

Likewise in the matter of sin, let a new study be made. Remember the total topic, "Sin and the Gospel." Relate this to the particular topic for tonight, "Sins of the Mind." Study what our blessed Bible says about this subject. The leader should strive earnestly to lead the group in an exploration of this challenging subject on the sins of the mind. It may be a new field. It is one of great value.

Have the group make a list of all the sins of the mind that are possible. Name them one by one. Discuss the causes of them and the problems they create. Then make a list of all the "fruits of the Spirit," the beautiful fruits of the disciplined mind. Use a blackboard, or slips of paper. Finally, have the society name all the Scripture verses possible that pertain to sin, especially of the mind. This is a big subject; give it special preparation. Read last week's topic first.

## Aim of the Topic

1. To point out that there are sins of the mind as well as of the body.
2. To show that these are just as real, and just as fatal, as others.

## Are Such Sins Possible?

It may come as a new thought that there are definitely sins of the mind as well as of

## A SEED THOUGHT

Christ taught that the sins of the mind are just as great as the sins of the body. Why is this true?

# Sins of the Mind

Second Topic in a Series on "Sin and The Gospel"

Titus 1:15, 16; Philippians 4:4-8

the body, that more tangible part of us. While they are not easy to understand and not as easily dealt with as the more "conventional" sins, let us be assured they are real. Thought is sometimes more real than deed, though this is difficult for our practical minds to comprehend.

## Teachings of Jesus

One of the most startling teachings of the Master was that the sins of the mind are as great as the sins of the body. This was a very unpopular teaching in His day and somehow it remains as unpopular today. This was a revolutionary doctrine for an age when formalism was the way of religion. The outward formal deed was the way of righteousness. He taught that lust is as bad as the actual act of adultery and that covetousness is equal to stealing. He said that hatred was as serious as murder. It has since been said in confirmation of this that murder is merely hatred gone out over the doorstep. By His teaching, uncleanness of thought and speech are tantamount to sinful action. Let this be a jolt to our smugness and self-righteousness!

## What Are They?

This is strange new doctrine perhaps but it surely calls for our best thought and study. We may well ask ourselves what these sins may be, and name them out. "Tell the truth and shame the devil" someone has said. Nay, tell the truth and shame ourselves here! Well, first of all there's lust, that expression of carnal or sexual desire. Then there's jealousy, and envy, and hatred. Of course we must add greed, that demon that begets so many other sins to accompany him. Covetousness is a bad one, too, for he finds the way to others. Doubt, skepticism, scorn and deceit, must have a place here. There are many more renegades of the mind that lead to sins of the body. Name some of them.

## The Power of This Kind

The sins of the mind are often more powerful and troublesome than those of the body. They are always with us. They are so readily available. It may not be convenient to commit a definite physical sin, due to interfering circumstances of time, distance or association. But these minds are always with us! They sometimes lead us a merry chase. The Kinsey Report on sexual behavior says in effect, the mind and its evil thoughts are like a delicately balanced bell, ready to start clanging at any provocation. Our thoughts are always with us and they can lead to worse things. Let us strive also that "the mind of Christ be in us." This is a challenge to cleaner and clearer thinking. When man's mind is turned over to things divine and when he strives to please and glorify his God, even by his thoughts, man is on the way to great spiritual achievements. The sins of the mind are great but even greater are the glorious things of the mind and soul, the victories of the Spirit.

## DISCUSS AND STUDY

1. How do we know there are sins of the mind?
2. Name all of these sins possible.
3. What form do these sins take?
4. Which is more powerful to combat, the sins of the body or of the mind?
5. Why did Jesus teach that mental sins are as bad as physical?
6. What has Christ done about our sin? How can we use His conquering grace?
7. Name the intangibles that combat the sins of the mind.
8. What is the answer of the Gospel to this problem?

## How Conquer Them?

The sins of the mind are all intangible every one. They are vicious and treacherous. They are omnipresent and almost omnipotent. Hence there is but one effective weapon to use against them. This is the weapon of other intangibles. We must fight with fire. We can conquer intangible sins with intangible thoughts and discipline. In this battle of the intangibles, we may use prayer, we may use love, we may use example. One of the greatest forces for our disposal is faith, that great winner of victories. Remembrance too comes to our aid when we call. To remember faithful teachings of the past, to remember the dwelling presence of God, gives conquering power. To remember solemn promises we ourselves have made, to remember our Christian Endeavor pledge, brings us to our senses. It is only when we forget the things that we become victims of our thoughts. Remember the words of Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13). Even when our thoughts molest us, remember His words, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make way to escape, that ye may be able to abide it." (1 Corinthians 10:13).

## From The Book of Books

- M., Jan. 4. Foolish Thoughts. Prov. 24:8
- T., Jan. 5. Forsake Unrighteous Thoughts. Isa. 55:2
- W., Jan. 6. Results of a Reprobate Mind. Rom. 1:28
- T., Jan. 7. Iniquity in the Heart Destroys Fellowship. Psalm 66:16
- F., Jan. 8. New Thoughts in Christ. Titus 3:1
- S., Jan. 9. The Mind of Christ. Phil. 2:5
- Sun., Jan. 10. Topic—Sins of the Mind. Titus 1:15, 16; Phil. 4:8



# Sins of the Mind

## Second Topic in a Series on "Sin and The Gospel"

Matthew 5:21-30; Proverbs 23:7

Intermediate



— JANUARY 10 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

### Our Aim

1. To be concerned about sins of the mind.
2. To know we sin when we think and act, even though we may not commit it.
3. To learn how to be free of a guilty conscience.

### Pure Thoughts

The imagination is one of the most wonderful and useful faculties of the mind. It has been called the artist of the soul. With it we can paint the most beautiful pictures, pictures that inspire and comfort and beautify the soul, pictures that described to others, will inspire and ennoble them. With this same wonderful faculty we can paint the most unworthy pictures that sully and degrade, that vitiate the entire atmosphere of the soul; pictures that described to others would defile and corrupt them.

How many growing boys and girls are using this God-given faculty of mind to paint ideals of goodness and nobleness, of courage and sacrifice, of loyalty to purity and to God! Oh, if through ignorance or wrong associations, this artist faculty of the soul has been painting unworthy pictures, ask the Lord to cleanse your heart and purify your imagination and direct it in its work of beautifying and ennobling your life.

### Unkind Thoughts

The mind is capable of thinking kind, generous, sympathetic, helpful thoughts, it can dwell upon unkind, mean, bitter thoughts. I can train myself to always think the best, the kindest about people and receive the kindest, most charitable construction upon their speech and conduct, or I can very easily drop into the habit of criticism, heartless fault-finding, until I can see

### Suggested Program

1. Opening Song Service.
2. Scripture Lesson.
3. Song.
4. Prayer.
5. Special music: "A Clean Heart."
6. Leader's talk: "Sins of the Mind."
7. Additional topics for discussion in 10-minute talks:  
How are all sins traceable to desire?  
How can we prevent sinful thoughts from lodging in the mind?  
How can we get rid of our doubts?  
How do you fight your besetting sin?  
How can we get rid of thoughts of discontent?  
How can we get the mind filled with the spirit?
8. An earnest season of prayer and consecration, encouraging many to pray for clean hearts and minds.
9. Pastor's last five minutes.
10. Closing hymn: "Lord Jesus, I long to be Perfectly Whole."
11. Mizpah benediction.

nothing good in those about me. But remember, we are what we think, and we gradually work permanently into the very fibre of our being the thoughts we think, until the very lines of our faces, the expression of our mouths, the light of our eyes, reveal the character of our thoughts. How often we hear the expression, "What a good, open, kind face!" or "What a hard, cold, cynical, selfish face!" Truly, the thoughts we think leave their impress in the lines of the face and the expression of the eyes.

### We Are What We Think

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." The wise man never uttered a greater truth than this. A man is no better than his thoughts. He is no worse than his thoughts. He is as he thinks. Pure thought must precede pure conduct. Sinful conduct always originates in the mind. If this is true how necessary it is that we guard well this spring, this source of being and conduct.

### The Carnal Mind and the Spiritual Mind

In our Scripture lesson the apostle Paul speaks of the carnal mind and the spiritual mind. He says that "the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." In other words there is a conflict on between the mind that responds to the lower, the sinful, the fleshly impulses, and the mind that has been awakened and quickened by the spirit of God. The mind may express itself in sinful thoughts that blossom and fruit in sin, or prompted by the Spirit of God, it may express itself in pure, noble, God-like thoughts and purposes that will issue in noble, God-like conduct and service. In this conflict the Christian who fully meets all the conditions, may be gloriously victorious.

### Temptation and Our Humanity

James says that we are tempted when we are drawn away of our lusts (desires) and enticed. A glimpse at the great temptations of the Bible will reveal this to be true. In the case of Eve, Satan appealed to the beautiful, to the hunger for food, and to the desire for knowledge. When he tempted Job, he appealed to the natural query, "Why?" In the great temptation of Jesus it was again the desire for food in addition to the desire for the enlistment of men in his cause, and to the desire that the Kingdom might be brought in, that Satan appealed.

It is always so. There are good desires, desires implanted by God that the devil would have us satisfy wrongly. The desire for food is good—stealing to satisfy it is wrong. The sex impulse is good—loose living to satisfy it is sin. The desire for friends is natural—satisfying that desire with worldly people leads to transgression. Even the desire for pleasure is good—but satisfying it in the haunts and habits of the world is bad.

This is the place where the will comes. It, too, the devil would like to twist for his own purposes. It makes no difference how strong may be desire, nor how appealingly

the devil may present the case for improper satisfaction, as long as the will resolutely says "No," the heart is free of condemnation. On the other hand if the will consents to wrong, even though the act be not committed, sin takes place. Guard the will for on its "yes" and "no" depends our eternal destiny.

### The Remedy for Sinful Thought

There is only one remedy for sin whether of thought or deed. "There has a fountain been opened in the house of Israel for sin and uncleanness." "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." "There is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Having then received Jesus as our Saviour and Sanctifier make this advice of the Apostle Paul to the Philippians the habit of your life: "Whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." If we follow this exhortation we will grow beautiful in spirit, attractive in person, and helpful in conduct and influence.

### Watch The Literature You Read

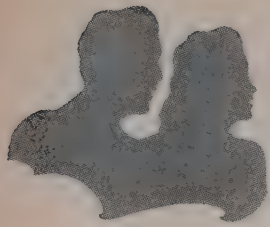
If sin begins in the thought life then we must be on our guard today as to the kind of literature we read. There is much bad literature on the newsstands today. Reading a low-brow book is like jumping into a volcano to see whether it contains fire. Reading slushy magazines is like dragging one's mind through a sewer.

Socrates once said, "Poisonous ideas in the mind are more dangerous than poisonous foods in the body." Is he right? How could he say that in a day when they had few books and magazines compared with the present? Is it not true that that which corrupts the imagination deadens the conscience? Avoid books and pictures that give attractive color to crime, sin, vice; that make sport of religion and real love. Avoid books that tend to weaken your faith in God. Select reading materials from the wealth of uplifting literature available today.

### Daily Bible Readings

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| M., Jan. 4.   | Foolish Thoughts.             | Prov. 24:8, 9.             |
| T., Jan. 5.   | Forsake Unrighteous Thoughts. | Isaiah 55:6-9.             |
| W., Jan. 6.   | Results of a Reprobate Mind.  | Rom. 1:28-32.              |
| T., Jan. 7.   | Iniquity in the Heart         | Psalm 66:16-20.            |
| F., Jan. 8.   | New Thoughts in Christ.       | Titus 3:1-7.               |
| S., Jan. 9.   | The Mind of Christ.           | Phil. 2:5-8.               |
| Sun., Jan 10. | Topic—Sins of the Mind.       | Matt. 5:21-30; Prov. 23:7. |





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— JANUARY 17 —

*Comments by Earle W. Gates*

## Pattern For The Meeting

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- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This year is off to a good start and the society should be launched into new programs of action. Check up to see if plans are progressing properly.

In the topic series for this month, "Sin and the Gospel," a considerable field of material has been covered. The leader of this meeting should now review carefully the material for the two preceding topics, to bring today's into proper focus. Read them over again. What is sin, what has been said about it? What's the difference between sins of the mind and sins of the body? Recall the definitions given. This will give the essential background for today's topic. Strive to tie this one into the total series. The Gospel is the answer, and the only answer, to the problem of sin. Study the teachings of Jesus, especially in the Sermon on the Mount. Try to make indelible the truth that the power of the mind can upset good intentions unless fortified by good thoughts, a growing faith, and a sincere dedication. List the sins to which youth are most prone and strive to point out how the Gospel of Christ overcomes them. This can be a great meeting in simply proclaiming the majesty and all-sufficiency of Christ's Gospel.

## DISCUSS AND STUDY

1. What is the Gospel?
2. Why is it called Good News?
3. Of what does the Gospel tell?
4. Explain John 3:16.
5. In what ways do some people appear to be ashamed of the Gospel? Why?
6. How can we "confess" Christ daily?
7. How can we preach the Gospel ourselves?
8. How does the Gospel lead to a surrendered life?

# What Is The Gospel?

Third Topic in a Series on "Sin and The Gospel"

I Corinthians 15:1-10

## Aim of the Topic

1. To discover anew what the Gospel is.
2. To help Youth realize its power.
3. To inspire us to a greater love and zeal for it.

## The Definition

The Gospel means "glad tidings." Webster says, "Gospel is the good news concerning Christ, the Kingdom of God, and salvation; hence the teachings of Christ and the apostles; the Christian faith." The word has been related to the original "god-spell," the latter half meaning a tale or a message. In short, the Gospel is the Good News of God, the glorious evangel. Good news is always a welcome guest and mankind embraces the least bit of it hopefully. When this good news represents eternity, and our soul's security, it becomes something for which we might well give our lives. Our Bibles bring us the Gospel.

## The Dynamic of the Gospel

First Corinthians 1:23, 24 clearly sets forth the unique office of the Son of God. It declares, "We preach Christ crucified,—Christ, the power of God—" The word "power" here taken from the Greek has also the meaning "dynamite." Christ, the dynamite of God! What a thrilling way to describe His power. The Gospel declares the Christ; the Christ is the dynamite of God. Literally, Christ came to turn the world upside down, to change the very lives and thinking of men. He must surely have that kind of power. He was at once a revelation and a revolution. The Gospel is the revelation of His power. This is the outstanding characteristic of the Gospel of our Lord. Other religions give good advice. Christianity gives power! Christ is the power of God. Of partial saviours the world is sick and weary. We must have—yea we do have—a potent Christ. The dynamic of the Gospel is Christ, the very dynamite of God.

## Its Meaning to Us

Sin is a universal experience. It happens sometime to all people, in varying degree. It is sometimes attractive in appearance and sometimes ugly. It is always real, and grim, and of serious consequence. The first man, Adam, sinned, and all mankind have followed his unfortunate example. We are no exceptions. Since we have once sinned, we need a Saviour; because we continue to sin, we need a forgiving Redeemer often.

The Gospel is God's love letter to us. It tells us we are forgiven and that He cares for us. It describes our salvation. It tells us of Heaven and hope. The Gospel is the all-sufficient answer to man's deepest inner need, for it points the way to reconciliation with his Creator and Lord.

## Bible Portions

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| M., Jan. 11.   | The Gospel Summarized.    | Titus 2:11      |
| T., Jan. 12.   | Salvation Through Christ. | 1 Peter 3:15-16 |
| W., Jan. 13.   | Reconciled to Christ.     | Col. 1:18-20    |
| T., Jan. 14.   | Justification by Faith.   | Rom. 5:1-11     |
| F., Jan. 15.   | The Power of God.         | Rom. 1:16, 17   |
| S., Jan. 16.   | The Eternal Promise.      | John 3:14-16    |
| Sun., Jan. 17. | Topic—What Is The Gospel? | 1 Cor. 15:1-10  |

## Its Glorious Proclamation

Meaning "good tidings," the Gospel represents the New Testament term for the message given by Christ Jesus to the world. This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. It tells us rightly that Christ is the Son of God. Through its message we find the mission of Christ—to seek and to save that which is lost. The Gospel declares "Christ died. He was buried, He rose again, He now sitteth at the right hand of God, He is coming again." All this and much more we find in its living words.

## "I Am Not Ashamed of It"

If the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, then we need it, even more than most of us realize. In it there is power for all. There is power for a world that is hopelessly lost in its own folly. We ought then to say in the words of Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth—" How often young people seem ashamed of the Gospel or of their association with it. It is hypocrisy to appear less interested or less righteous than we really are. Is this not the time for clear-thinking Christian Youth to move forth in a crusade for God and for good? Are we not living in days of moral crisis that call for our best? In view of the inescapability of temptation we need the power of God within us more than ever. We dare not be reluctant to acknowledge our part in the living Gospel. "Whosoever confesseth Me before men, him will I confess before my Father in Heaven," saith Jesus.

*Are you making the final preparation for a special observance of Christian Endeavor Week, January 31, February 7?*

## A SEED THOUGHT

"The Gospel is the Good News that God still cares."



# What Is the Gospel?

## Third Topic in a Series on "Sin and The Gospel"

Luke 10:23-28

Intermediate



— JANUARY 17 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

### From The Scripture

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### Examples of Gospel Living

*"An ounce of example is worth a pound of talk."*

One day a humble farmer approached St. Francis, of Assisi, with the question, "And art thou really Brother Francis, of Assisi?" "Yes," answered the monk.

The farmer then made this significant response: "Try, then, Oh, try, Brother Francis, to be as good as all think thee to be, because many have great faith in thee, and therefore I admonish thee to be nothing less than people hope of thee."

This is an altogether compelling statement. A critical world appraises the lives of professed Christians. Now, if ever, the world asks for examples of those who have an unflinching faith in a good God, to demonstrate such. If we drive out fear and live with utter dependence upon a loving heavenly Father we will recapture that distinctive spirit which characterized Jesus and the early Christians.

Multitudes are looking for Christians in these testing days for a demonstration of the gospel. They desire examples of great faith. They would like to see fulfilled the promises God gives His children for watch-care and sustenance. Will you seek to "be as good as all think thee to be," as God wants you to be?

### The Gospel Through Me

by Ruth Soyland

LIVE	daily for Jesus Be thoughtful and kind; Put others before you; Employ a clean mind.
SAY	something for Jesus. Glad tidings impart. Tell others about his Accessible heart.
GIVE	something to Jesus — Your talents — your tithe! Be willing to serve Him With penitent life.
OBEY	and trust Jesus. In spirit be poor. Don't be just a "hear-er" But also a "do-er."

Permission BUILDERS

**Aim**  
To know what the gospel truly

To sense the power in Jesus' message of redemption.

To learn to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

### Definition

The Gospel is the good message or good news of Christ's redeeming love for us. We do not challenge the young people with the truths of the Gospel. These truths are all that we might apply ourselves to the great task of kingdom building. The main object of the gospel," said Paul, "is to establish two principles—the principle of nature and the redemption of Jesus Christ."

The word "gospel" is the Anglo-Saxon word for Godspell. It is derived from an old word signifying a reward or a thanking for good tidings. In later Greek it included also the good tidings itself.

The central point in the gospel was the full intelligence that the Saviour had entered into the world. The first Christian preachers, who characterized their account of the person and mission of Christ by the word gospel, were called evangelists, a word coming from the same Greek root.

### At Truths in the Gospel

#### Good News of Salvation

The heart of the gospel is that Christ died for our sins and that there is forgiveness for us with God. Though we have sinned and fallen short of doing the will of our Father, our sins may be blotted out and rebuffed against us no more. The gospel declares it plain that we may be born again, of flesh and blood, but of the water and the Spirit. Surely this is good news and should be preached throughout the world.

#### Good Tidings of Hope

The gospel gives to us a new and a wonderful hope. It puts new hope into life, for it connects our present life with the life beyond the grave. It unites earth with heaven and man with God. It is the silver lining in the clouds of discouragement, sorrow and death.

#### A Message of Clean Living

The gospel is a picture of what man ought to be, and of what man must be, if he is to see God. It is only the pure in heart who shall see Him. There is but one standard of righteousness; it is not man-

made but Christ given, and we will all be judged by this one standard. The gospel is a message of a pure life and a clean character.

#### 4. Provisions for Growth

The gospel offers every provision for Christian growth. It is bread for the hungry, water for the thirsty, shelter for the homeless, clothing for the needy, strength for the weary, guidance for the lost. It offers an abundant supply of everything that will benefit human life. This inexhaustible supply is rich provision for body, mind and soul.

#### 5. A Revelation of Truth

The Bible is true. One may apply to the Bible any test he will and it will remain the infallible Word of God. It reveals the truth about God; the truth about sin; the truth about salvation; the truth about self. Jesus said, "I am the truth." He who would know truth must know the gospel. Let us study it to show ourselves approved unto God.

#### 6. A Doctrine of Life

We are concerned with life, yes, a life that reaches beyond the darkness of the grave. Such a life is revealed in the gospels. The message of the gospel is a message of immortality, of eternal life. If there is no resurrection there is no gospel, no message of good tidings from God. If Christ is risen, then eternal life is ours. Surely this is the Christian's hope!

#### 7. An Example of Love

The essence of the gospel is love. It is the fulfillment of the entire law. The highest form of love is expressed in the life, teachings and sacrifice of Christ. "Greater love has no man than this." His was patient, untiring, divine love. This is the very heart of the gospel today, and there is no gospel without it. "God so loved the world that he gave."

#### 8. A Program for Service

Nearly everyone begins life by seeking joy through getting, and has to learn the lesson by experience that the deepest satisfaction in life lies in serving. This is the program of the gospel. It tells us that we should be servants; how we should serve; when we should serve; to whom we should render service, and the compensation for faithful service.

### A Planned Meeting

The topic divides itself into two parts, first, "What is the gospel?" and, secondly, "Why preach it?" The above paragraphs may cover either question.

Perhaps the best way to treat the topic is to have the leader give a talk on the theme, "What is the gospel?" Then a number of members could take part by discussing the reasons why the gospel should be preached.

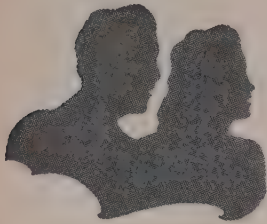
Illustrations are of great value in the study of a topic. The ones suggested in the lesson may be related by some members, perhaps members who would hesitate to give a talk or lead a meeting. Ask some older Endeavorers to be at the meeting to give guidance on the topic.

### TO PROVOKE THOUGHT

1. Why should a minister preach the whole gospel?
2. How can we help to spread the gospel?
3. What has the gospel done for us?
4. What can the gospel do for the world if given a chance?
5. How can you live the Gospel of Christ?



# What Does The Surrendered Life Mean



Senior-  
Young  
People

— JANUARY 24 —

*Comments by Earle W. Gates*

## Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

By now some of the New Year's Resolutions have waned and faded. It is time to check up and to re-establish those that are worthwhile. The leader of this meeting has a great opportunity for good. Clinch those resolutions so recently made and so recently broken. Clinch the new resolution idea but make it stronger by the application of this topic. The surrendered life is the final and complete achievement of good resolutions. The transforming grace of God makes it possible. Let the leader strive to make desirable the idea of a life wholly surrendered to Christ. Too often it is made to appear undesirable or unreasonable. It would doubtless be fruitful to lead the group in listing the "fruits" of the surrendered life. Describe the beneficial results and the blessings that come from such a whole-hearted dedication to the purpose and the Person of Christ. The leader should endeavor to bring out discussion on this and to present the claims of Christ. This might be a good time to have a few testimonies given regarding the power and value of the Gospel in individual lives. Assuredly, attention should be drawn to outstanding examples of a great faith and of a great and complete dedication of life.

## Aim of the Topic

1. To present the claim of Christ for a full surrender of life and to consider its blessing.

## What Is A Surrendered Life?

There is doubtless much asking of this

### A SEED THOUGHT

Christ taught that only by losing one's life does he truly find it. What does He mean?

question today and much uncertainty. Yet the answer is very simple. A surrendered life is the answer to the call of the Gospel. It means handing one's life entirely over to God in loving trust and faith. It represents the capitulation of self from the throne of life, and the ascendancy of God. R. G. LeTourneau, one of the outstanding Christian business men in the world today, has written a book entitled "God Runs My Business." God is truly running this multi-million dollar business to His glory, for the Christian service it finances is beyond calculation. This is the spirit of the call to a surrendered life. Such a surrender of one's personal aims and desires is in this spirit. It represents the principle of letting God run our "business." It means handing the life over to the Master to use as He wishes.

## What Does It Require?

The first step in such a dedication is the acknowledgement, "I have sinned." Then Christ's loving forgiveness must be taken. When we come to a full realization of His sacrifice on Calvary in our behalf, we are properly overwhelmed by our debt to Him. Then it is that we may well say, "Thou hast died for me; I will live for Thee." At that time the true stewardship of life begins. We dedicate all we have to Him—time, talent, and treasure are His to command and to use. His glory, not ours, becomes our aim. This is the most wonderful step any man or woman can take.

## What Is The Cost?

Such a great step, with such wondrous blessings in return, surely has its price. There is a cost for following the Master. As we noted in the first topic of this series, the first cost is to give up self-will. Someone playing upon the meaning of the C. E. in Christian Endeavor suggested that it also means Christ Enthroned. That is the purpose toward which this topic is directed. To enthrone Christ means to de-throne our own self-will. Selfishness is the first cost if we are to live for Christ. We must stop all compromise with evil or sin. That is where the surrender comes in!

## What Are The Rewards?

When a young person says out of his faith and love, "For me to live is Christ," this is the beginning of true life for him. Anyone who tries to so live immediately claims for himself peace and power and position. What greater rewards can there be? If one strives to add to his faith virtue and useful living, Peter assures us he will never fail or fall. There are blessings without number for the one who dedicates his life entirely to Christ. "All this, and Heaven, too," has been suggested as the reward. Dwight Moody once said, "The world has yet to see what can be accomplished by one life wholly dedicated to Christ." Why

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Sin and The Gospel"

Galatians 2:20; Romans 12:1; II Timothy 2:19-26

## Scripture Readings

- M., Jan. 18. Forgiveness. Luke 17:3
- T., Jan. 19. Self-Denial And Cross Bearing. Matt. 16:24
- W., Jan. 20. Hatred from the World. John 15:18
- T., Jan. 21. Good for Evil. Rom. 12:15
- F., Jan. 22. All Things Loss for Christ. Phil. 3:7
- S., Jan. 23. A New Creature. Eph. 4:20
- Sun., Jan. 24. Topic—What Does The Surrendered Life Mean? Gal. 2:20; Rom. 12:1; II Tim. 2:19

can't some reader of this topic be the to answer this challenge?

## The Blessed Cycle

The whole matter of sin and salvation of dedication and service, forms a blessed kind of cycle. God loves man and has created him in His own image. Man sins, rejects God, and so falls from his high place. God's newly expressed love is felt in redemption. He offers through Christ. Man's awakened sense of need motivates him to a new response and to a final surrender to God. So the cycle is complete for the one who is "wise unto salvation." Only the foolhardy fails to complete the cycle.

May youth today accept the challenge of Christ, and "launch out into the deep" in trying God's promises. The thing Heavenly Father wants more than anything else is our unconditional surrender to Him. That which would best fulfill Christ's purpose is that very yielding up of self. Each one prayerfully consider how much greater his life would be if it were "in Christ."

"Death is so close,  
Sin is so real;  
Rule in my Life,  
Thy will to reveal."

## An Acrostic of Power

An acrostic which best expresses surrendered life follows. The five letters may be likened to the fingers of one hand to remember it better:

F orsaking  
A ll  
I  
T ake  
H im.

## DISCUSS AND STUDY

1. In the Christian sense, what do we mean by surrender?
2. Name the areas of life that should be so dedicated.
3. What does a surrender require?
4. Is the cost worthwhile? Why do you think so?
5. What is the significance of the acrostic above?





## Intermediate

— JANUARY 24 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

### Aim

1. To discover what "surrender to Christ" means.
2. To see that "surrender" brings a spiritual crisis.
3. To catch the glory of the victorious life.

### Discipleship Involves Surrender

In Christ's time discipleship involved surrender of all to Him. The apostles left all and followed Him. The rich young ruler went away from Christ sorrowfully because he was unwilling to give up all. In the early church at Jerusalem the disciples had all things in common, and Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead because they tried to appear as though they had surrendered all to the Lord while they kept back a part. Jesus came not only to be the savior of man, but his Lord and Master as well. Paul states it this way, "Ye are not your own, ye have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirits which are God's." Beseech you, therefore, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

It is the Christian's greatest honor and greatest privilege to be permitted to surrender himself—all that he is and does and all that he has—to God's service, and be assured that God is pleased with such a surrender and graciously accepts it, and uses it in the advancement of His kingdom.

To surrender to God does not mean to give up finally anything. All we give up to God, He lets us keep, blest and en-

riched and increased, to be used in His service. When I consecrate myself to God, I mean by that act henceforth to count nothing my own, to do with it as I choose, but as He chooses and directs. My life, my health, my talents, my family, my business, my earnings, my possessions, my influence, my all, is laid on Christ's altar in loving surrender, to be used to His glory and the advancement of His kingdom. The constant test question in all present conduct, in every relationship is "What would He have me to do?" One who has thus fully surrendered himself to Christ can exclaim joyfully, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me."

### To Surrender is to be Victorious

When a man surrenders his life to self-indulgence, to wealth, or to fame he becomes a slave; but when he surrenders to God, we have the resulting paradox that by the act he becomes absolutely free and a master of pleasure, wealth and fame. Pleasure, wealth and fame are not wrong in themselves, but they must be our servants, not our masters. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." The facing of the issue to do God's will without reservation—is the great soul crisis in most lives. To rightly meet the crisis demands an expenditure of strength, courage, faith, prayer, obedience, devotion, and love.

### The Victorious Life

Victory comes through self-surrender to the will of God. Many Endeavorers are not enjoying victory in their Christian experience because they have been unwilling to present themselves a living sacrifice to God. They have not come to the place where they will say, "God's way is the only way, and God's way is best." Only the life surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ, which seeks first His kingdom is the free, happy and victorious life. God will give the victory when we make the surrender. "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The fruit of the surrendered and victorious life is "Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law." It is for each of us to make a complete surrender of our lives to God, so that we may enjoy victory in this world and eternal life in the world to come.

### A Planned Meeting

The yoke is used in all literature as an act of surrender by one and mastery by another one. Where two nations have fought and the weaker has been forced to yield, it is commonly spoken of as wearing the yoke of the stronger nation. The Romans required their prisoners to pass under a yoke

to indicate their utter subjection. To illustrate the life surrendered to God, the leader may cut out of heavy cardboard a large cattle yoke. This is to represent the "yoke of Christ." Attach to the yoke, which represents the surrendered life, a number of "seek-further" questions. Let members of the Christian Endeavor, preferably those who have made a surrender of their lives to Christ, come and remove one of those "Seek-further" questions, and give an answer with explanation to the question.

### The Church and the Gospel

Millions have been lifted out of moral defeat and degradation to enduring victory by the power of the gospel. Millions of others, nurtured within the faith from childhood days, have grown into radiant Christian personalities. All these are living witnesses that in Christ there is power to "let your life be worthy of the gospel."

But just how does the power of Christ come into human life? One answer is: through the church. Take the church away, and mankind would be lost indeed. It mediates to us the power to live worthily.

### Our Evangelistic Responsibility

In some denominations January is Youth Evangelism Month. Whether it is in your denomination or not, every month is the time for a Christian Endeavor society to reach others for Christ. Are you planning a special campaign to help others to a surrender to Christ and to live the consecrated life? It takes planning to effect this goal today. Personal evangelism is a constant necessity to reach the unreached youth for Christ. In this meeting give considerable thought to how you and your society members can have a more effective evangelistic outreach. Remember our motto, "For Christ and the Church."

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### SEEK-FURTHER" QUESTIONS

1. What is understood by a self-surrendered life?
2. Is a surrendered life a hard life to live?
3. When duties of self and duties to God appear to be in conflict, which shall be fulfilled?
4. Is the yoked-life a weak and narrow one?
5. How may we make our surrender to God?
6. What victories may we win in Christ?
7. Should we surrender to obtain reward? Why?
8. Does the surrendered and victorious life free the soul for larger things?
9. Do "surrendered people" make a new kind of church?





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— JANUARY 31 —

*Comments by Earle W. Gates*

### Pattern For The Meeting

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- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today marks the beginning of one of the most important weeks in the year for Christian young people. It is the opening day of Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week. Coming from many years traditional observance, it brings with it a new sweep of power for Christian Endeavor today. This entire week should be emphasized with particular stress upon the share youth has in the life of the Church. Make this a great week in the societies of your church. The first thing to do, and it must be very soon, is to send for the fine Christian Endeavor Week Packet. Write the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. This will give a very complete set of plans for the whole week's observance. Use them generously. Send there also for the *Program Guide* for your age group. Much helpful material will be found herein for the total work of the society.

As a fitting observance, study the history of Christian Endeavor. Learn its principles and program. These are essentials. As you using the Christian Endeavor Pledge as a basis for active membership? If not, why not? Take up the matter with your group and put it into action.

Make detailed plans for the week. Include a church service conducted by young people, a banquet, and other special events. Consult with your pastor regarding his plans for this period and also to learn about your denomination's program. That is an important part of today's topic.

Since this topic is "Forward With Christ Through My Church," the leader should know something of the source of this title.

### Scripture Texts

- M., Jan. 25. A House of Prayer. Isaiah 56:7.
- T., Jan. 26. A Prayer for God's House. I Kings 8:22-29.
- W., Jan. 27. Happy in Attendance. Psalm 122:1-4.
- T., Jan. 28. Christ, the Cornerstone. I Peter 2:6, 7.
- F., Jan. 29. Early Church Loyalty. Acts 5:41, 42.
- S., Jan. 30. Christ's Presence Assured. Matt. 18:20.
- Sun., Jan 31. Topic—Forward With Christ Through My Church. (Denominational Day) Acts 2:41-47; Matt. 16:13-20.

# Forward With Christ— Through My Church

Acts 2:41-47; Matthew 16:13-20

(Beginning of C.E. Week-Youth Week. Denominational Day)

"Forward With Christ" is the biennial theme of International Christian Endeavor. Today is Denominational Day, so that should be given proper emphasis. One's own church is the primary group for one's religious activities. Get all the literature possible on the doctrines, the current theme if any, the missionary program, the budget, etc., of your church and denomination. Share this with the society members.

Today's topic is the first of a unit of two designed to give proper observance of Christian Endeavor Week. This one is really a summing up of what has been suggested here, plus plans for putting these things into action. Make the meeting a "family discussion." You meet as members of the Church family to think of its problems and program.

### Aim of the Topic

1. To review the history and program of Christian Endeavor.
2. To learn more of the program of our own Church.
3. To determine how to go forward with Christ by combining these two together.

### Christian Endeavor Week

This is the week long set aside for youth in the church. It does much to help them share in the total program of the congregation. All denominations have united in this observance, many simply calling it Youth Week. This opening day has traditionally been known as Denominational Day, with next Sunday being World-wide Christian Endeavor Day. It is good to so relate the denomination to the local society. "Church" means the local church, the Church Universal, and the particular denomination.

### History of the Movement

On the 73rd Anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor we should know some of its background. It is the Pioneer Youth Movement, being the first spiritual organization for young people in the Church. It was also the first inter-denominational group for young people. Dr. Francis E. Clark and his wife, who lived in Portland, Maine serving the Williston Congregational Church at that time, were the founders. This was seventy-three years ago. On February 2, 1881, an informal gathering of boys and girls met in the church parsonage to form this organization, which soon became a great movement. It rapidly spread from one church to another, in all denominations, and finally into all parts of the world. It was the first

### TALK IT OVER

1. What are the distinctive beliefs of our Church?
2. What can we do to help advance our pastor's plans?
3. How can we build a greater Christian Endeavor society?
4. Explain the meaning of the four principles.
5. What is the benefit of the Christian Endeavor pledge?
6. Why do we like our church better than others?

youth organization to be graded, from the very small child even to adults, and later alumni. The four cardinal principles on which it was founded are: (1) Confession of Christ; (2) Service for Christ; (3) Loyalty to Christ's Church; (4) Fellowship with all of Christ's people. Many youth groups seem to compete with the Church of which they are a part but motto of Christian Endeavor is "For Christ and the Church." It must definitely be part of the Church, not apart from it. The basic policy should assure the wholehearted support of every pastor, for this is what he too is trying to teach his young people. As the topic today suggests, we go forward with Christ best through our own Church.

### Your Denomination

It is increasingly obvious that the average members of the Church, and especially young people, do not know the beliefs of their own church. In examining Boy Scout for "God and Country" awards, in teaching Sunday School, or in chatting with Endeavorers, it is difficult to get a clear cut statement of how one's denomination differs from the others. It is even more distressing to learn how little we Protestants know of our faith.

For this meeting, and in the days ahead it would be fruitful to learn more of the program of the denomination. Strive to become familiar with its doctrines and history. Learn what it has contributed to Protestantism. Seek to know more about its missionary and rehabilitation programs. Above all, learn the purposes and plans of the Pastor of your church. Gear into those plans is the chief business of the society and a vital responsibility of each individual member.

### A SEED THOUGHT

"It takes the united action of the Body (The Church) to do the will of the Head (Christ)."

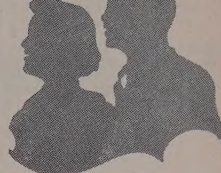


# Through My Church

Acts 2:41-47; Matthew 16:13-20

(Beginning of C.E. Week-Youth Week. Denominational Day)

Intermediate



— JANUARY 31 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## My Church

The phrase, "My Church," denotes a possession of which every young person in his or her denomination should be proud. The Church is an organized body of Christian believers worshipping together. Association with the Church brings closer friendship, closer spiritual unity, and the sense of possessing a church home.

Truest friends are found in the Church. When one is sick, when one meets financial reverses, or when one is in other dire straits, it is church friends who remain true to him until the worst is past. Just as eager are the church people to give their friends a boost, whether it be a social or vocational opportunity.

## What My Church Stands For

What are some of the things for which the Christian Church stands, that gives the Church a mission to perform and that we need to carry forward?

*First.* My church stands loyally by the Bible as the Word of God, in a special and unique sense.

*Second.* My church stands for the deity of Jesus Christ as the world's only Saviour from sin and as the Lord and Master of our lives.

*Third.* My church stands for a personal, conscious experience of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, or "experimental religion."

*Fourth.* My church stands for a consistent Christian life, a life of victory over sin, a life of such a Christ-like equality, as makes it a living testimony to the saving and transforming power of Christ.

*Fifth.* My church stands for education and culture. Ignorance has always been the enemy of the Church. Our church stands for the education of the mind and the illumination of the soul, hence her educational institutions.

*Sixth.* My church stands for missions and world evangelization. We are and always have been a missionary church.

## QUESTIONS

1. What needs to be done in the community by our church?
2. What larger part in our church's work can I take?
3. How can we secure a more active cooperation of more of our church members?
4. A modern church program — what is it?

## Christian Endeavorers

I am a Christian Endeavorer,  
Eager to prove that I am true.  
And I know there are many Endeavorers  
Who are loyal through and through.

I have real faith in my Endeavor.  
Joy and pride swell in my heart  
For our members faithfully attend all  
meetings  
And willingly take some part.

Our departments of instruction and worship,  
Work like a machine in high gear.  
And in every fellowship gathering  
There is injected fun and good cheer.

In love and loyalty we join together  
To render service from the heart  
For with much strength and union  
We cannot be drawn apart.

We concentrate our efforts  
Forgetting strife, envy, fear.  
For by whole-hearted cooperation  
We attain new goals each year.

place on the church bulletin board right after Christmas.

Use the columns of the local newspapers for reporting the activities of the Week and publicizing your church.

The Christian Endeavor meetings may well consider how the influence of the local church may be felt more effectively in the local community. What can your church do with respect to community evils, such as: bad housing; civil corruption; sale of liquor; discrimination against races and classes: bad prison conditions?

## Our Aim

1. To begin Christian Endeavor Week and Youth Week right in the home church.

2. To consider the work our church is doing.

3. To discover how we can advance Christ's church through our efforts.

## The Need of the Church

There is a saying among airmen that "he who has a parachute when he needs it flies again, but he who has not will never need again." I need the Church. America needs the Church. The world needs the Church. This overwhelming sense of need is the first viewpoint from which I regard my church.

We need the Church because it supplies a goal beyond and above ourselves. People who merely "muddle through" life with no definite aim in view are like a great fleet of ships adrift in a small bay. Eventually there will be a collision and disaster. If we are to cease being drifters, disaster bound, we must adopt a greater loyalty as a rudder to hold us to our course. The Church points youth toward greater goals.

The Church that would go "forward in Christ" is a missionary church. Aggressive evangelism is its very life, and reaches unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Its wealth and its young people are dedicated to the cause of Christ. It sends preachers and money to various parts of the world. It knows no home nor foreign land. The world is its parish. The antimissionary church is a dying church and will not be ready for burial. The missionary church grows rich and strong by giving and giving. The more it gives away, the more it is left. The ideal church of today supports two preachers, one, to minister to its own needs, and another to represent it in the foreign field, "a twenty-four hour congregation."

## Special Week

In thousands of communities across America Christian young people will join this week to observe Christian Endeavor Week. In special services, in radio broadcasts, in increased youth activities, the young people in many places will present a united front as they give a public witness of their faith and make their appeal to all youth to join their crusade for a Christian world.

To some observers, old and young, this week may be viewed as just another promotional scheme without lasting benefits. To all such skeptics should be invited to see how vital is Christian youth work and how necessary it is for the future good of the community.

## Helpful Hints

Encourage youth to use their own originality in planning.

Young people should be named for all official roles in the Sunday school and to hold function in their particular capacity of Christian Endeavor Sunday.

The plans for the All-church Fellowship should be carefully worked out. "Fun Encyclopedia" will prove helpful as will any other book on social activities.

Books on worship from the pastor's library will help in the planning of beautiful worship services.

Solicit local artists to make a poster for Christian Endeavor Week which you will

## Bible Lessons

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| Jan. 25. A House of Prayer.                           | Isa. 56:7.                     |
| Jan. 26. A Prayer for God's House.                    | I Kings 8:22-29.               |
| Jan. 27. Happy in Attendance.                         | Psalms 122:1-4.                |
| Jan. 28. Christ, the Cornerstone.                     | I Peter 2:6, 7.                |
| Jan. 29. Early Church Loyalty.                        | Acts 5:41, 42.                 |
| Jan. 30. Christ's Presence Assured.                   | Matt. 18:20.                   |
| Jan. 31. Topic—Forward With Christ Through My Church. | Acts: 2:41-47; Matt. 16:13-20. |
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# Television Goes To School

By Amy Deck Faust

Television is getting a "third dimension" now in the United States. We have seen it used to entertain. It has certainly been used to sell products, but now television is going to school.

The earliest experiments in television were conducted with the hope that this great medium would be used for educational purposes. One of the earliest inventors contributing toward making television possible wrote before the turn of the century that some day the air would carry news, culture, information, and educational material which could help in making a better world. His dream became potentially possible, but, so far, television has not been primarily a tool of education.

The Federal Communications Commission of our land has always held that radio and television stations receive license to operate as long as they work in the "public interest, convenience, and necessity." The letters from this phrase spell "pican" and it is called that, or "public service." The legal concept is that the "public owns the airwaves" and the stations operate in the "public interest, convenience, and necessity."

It can readily be seen that music, news and many types of programs are in the public interest and may be educational. Many dramatic programs, sponsored at great cost, are educational. The great cost of bringing musical programs and fine operas has made sponsorship necessary. On the other hand there are just as many sponsors who propose to televise only "surefire hits." They say, "Give the public what they want." These sponsors usually insist that the public wants only one type of athletic program and only one kind of entertainment. The result is that a commercial company may become the judge of what the public shall see and if they offer poor programming often enough and long enough the public may come to accept that which it gets.

On the other hand it has been demonstrated that educational and cultural programs can, and have, raised the standards of mass audiences. It is untrue to say that Americans only want sports and mystery-detective shows. It can be proved that courses in psychology, homemaking, history, art, and many other areas pull an encouraging audience, even when placed in competition with some of video's most striking entertainers.

In order to insure the American public the privilege of having educational programs in almost any part of the country, the Federal Communications Commission set aside 242 channels for the use of educational television stations. One of these, in Houston, Texas, has been in operation for some months. Others are putting on test patterns readying themselves to go on the air, building the station, applying for per-

mits, or raising funds to insure an educational station.

As 1954 rolls around there will be new stations, new types of programming, and many new opportunities for education through educational television. It will be up to interested citizens in all parts of the country to be informed, to participate, to support, and in every way give help to the new opportunities ahead.

Educational television will not only offer outstanding programs of an educational nature, but commercial television will also have special assistance. Many of the most interesting and helpful educational programs will be filmed and saved for later re-telecast. Commercial stations can make

arrangements to have programs for use of them, with limited time, facilities, and high costs, could not afford to produce. Sponsors who feel that they cannot afford to experiment with a program not already having a large listening audience can see the results of an educational program and range to have assured use on even a commercial station.

Educational television must be supported by grants, gifts, and public support. Commercial organizations may contribute only as a private party would give. Advertising goes along with contribution and that is why schools, churches, the home and community must back up our great modern opportunity. The National Citizens Committee for Educational Television, RFB Building, Washington 6, D. C. will send complete national and regional television information. Write to this address for picture of the total opportunity, for literature, the use of a 16mm film, "New Vision for TV," or local information. Here is one area in which all of us should work.

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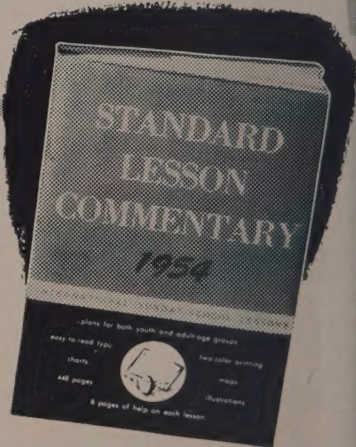
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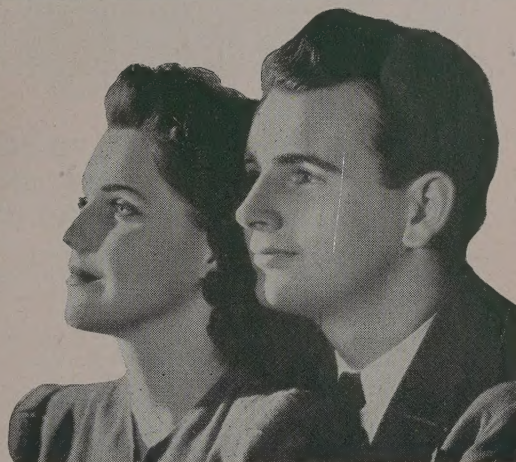
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